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Is re Application of:

HEENAN ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/453,327

Filed: December 2, 1999

For: RETROREFLECTIVE ARTICLES
HAVING MICROCUBES, AND
TOOLS AND METHODS FOR
FORMING MICROCUBES

) Examiner: J. Phan

) Art Unit: 2872

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants herein request a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of November 6, 2000. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$390.00 to cover the fee for the request.

Please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

Rewrite claim 12 as

Sub #4
12. (Amended) An article comprising an array of microcubes, at least one of said microcubes being non-hexagonal, such that for every plane in space there are two adjacent microcubes for which at the place of the adjacency none of the face edges is parallel to that plane, in which array at least one of said microcubes is canted, said array being formed of a material having a refractive index n , and the cant of at least one microcube in said array does not exceed about $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{2} - \sin^{-1}(1/n)$.

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